

The Calvin Ball Bulletin

Legislation Edition: April 2014



Lend your voice on local and state legislation! This newsletter highlights bills currently under consideration by the County Council and the Maryland General Assembly when it is in session. Listed below, I have highlighted bills under consideration and hyperlinks for more information. To promote an engaged citizenry, I encourage you to review this information and offer



testimony on Council bills by emailing the County Council at councilmail@howardcountymd.gov. Testimony may also be submitted in person during the Council's Public Hearing, generally held the 3rd Monday of each month. To sign-up in

advance to testify, click [here](#).

For your convenience, I've included legislation under consideration by the Delegation and the Maryland General Assembly. For details, please contact **Dan Furman** at 410-841-3360 or email hoc1@mlis.state.md.us.

The Annual Sine Die Open House celebrating the close of the 2014 Maryland General Assembly will be on Monday, April 7 from 12 – 4pm.

I hope you find this informative and use this opportunity to become an integral part of our legislative process.

INTRODUCTIONS

All current Council legislation can be found [online](#).

APPOINTMENTS

CR30-2014

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Susan M. Hailman to the Commission on Aging.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR31-2014

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Opel T. Jones, I to the Human Rights Commission.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR32-2014

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Katherine Elicker to the Environmental Sustainability Board.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR33-2014

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Richard J. Green to the Advisory Board on Consumer Affairs

Final Action:

Votes:

CR34-2014

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Andrew A. Monjan, Ph. D., M.P.H. to the Commission on Aging.

Final Action:

Votes:

FINANCIAL

SAO3-FY2014

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT transferring \$2,000,000 from the General Reserve, Contingency Fund to the Department of Public Works and increasing the General Fund budget of the Department of Public Works and the County by an additional \$1,300,000 for unanticipated expenses for snow removal; and declaring, under section 610(b) of the Howard County Charter, that this transfer is necessary to meet a public emergency affecting life, health or property.

Final Action:

Votes:

TAO3-FY2014

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT transferring \$100,000 in grant funding from Capital Project C0214, Category Contingency Fund, to Capital Project C0337, Ellicott City Improvements and Enhancements, for the Ellicott City Streetscape Program grant.

Final Action:

Votes:

GENERAL

CB12-2014

Introduced by: Jennifer Terrasa, Councilmember

AN ACT amending the Howard County Code to require developers conducting presubmission community meetings in accordance with Section 16.128 and 16.205 of the County Code to send notification to any school within a three-mile radius of the subject property; and generally relating to presubmission community meetings.

Final Action:

Votes:

CB13-2014

Introduced by: Courtney Watson, Council Member

Co-sponsored by: Calvin Ball, Council Member

Jennifer Terrasa, Council Member

AN ACT requiring County Boards and Commissions and the Howard County Housing Commission to publicly post minutes and agendas of all open meetings; and generally relating to Boards and Commissions.

Final Action:

Votes:

CB14-2014

Introduced by: Jennifer Terrasa, Council Member

Co-sponsored by: Calvin Ball Council

Member, Courtney Watson Council Member

AN ACT amending the building code to conform terms relating to persons with disabilities; amending the Equal Business Opportunity Commission to conform terms relating to persons with disabilities; amending the human rights provisions to conform terms relating to persons with disabilities; amending housing and community development programs to conform terms relating to persons with disabilities; amending the Howard County Cable Television Systems Franchise Act to conform terms relating to persons with disabilities; amending towing provisions to conform terms relating to persons with disabilities; amending recreations and parks provisions to conform terms relating to persons with disabilities; and generally relating to people with disabilities.

Final Action:

Votes:

CB15-2014

Introduced by the Chairperson at the request of the Howard County Independent Business Association, Inc.

AN ACT amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations' NT (New Town) zoning district's Definitions, Requirements and Restrictions pertaining to Gasoline Service Stations; amending the criteria for Conditional Use Gasoline Service Stations; and generally related to Gasoline Service Stations.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR35-2014

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION declaring that a portion of certain real property consisting of 0.6113 acres located on Guilford Road and owned by Howard County, Maryland is no longer needed by the County for a public purpose; authorizing the County Executive to convey the property to The Salvation Army in exchange for the acquisition of 0.6113 acres of adjacent property owned by The Salvation Army; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the County Code in connection with the property's conveyance; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to terminate the County's interest in the property if he finds that the property may have a further public use.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR36-2014

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code, authorizing the County Executive to convey certain real property owned by the County shown as Parcel A, containing approximately 1.7386 acres to the Howard County Housing Commission; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to convey the land if he finds that the land may have a further public use.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR37-2014

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION adopting Howard County's Annual Action Plan for housing and community services to qualify for the receipt of federal Community Development Block Grant and Home Investment Partnership Program funds.

Final Action:

Votes:

FINAL CONSIDERATION

APPOINTMENTS

CR24-2014

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Dr. Anand Mattai to the Board of Directors of the Howard County Mental Health Authority.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR25-2014

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Anthony E. Molinaro, Jr., P.E., to the Board of Electrical Examiners.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR26-2014

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Denny Patrick to the Howard County Agricultural Land

Preservation Board.

Final Action:

Votes:

GENERAL

CB8-2014

Introduced by: The Chairperson

AN ACT to amend the compensation of the members of the Howard County Board of Appeals; and generally relating to the Howard County Board of Appeals.

Final Action:

Votes:

CB9-2014

Administrative Explanation

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT establishing a tax credit against the County tax imposed on real property located adjacent to Route 1 that is renovated, upgraded, or rehabilitated, under certain conditions; establishing the amount, terms, conditions, and duration of the credit; providing for an application procedure and administration of the credit; and generally relating to property tax credits.

Final Action:

Votes:

CB10-2014

Administrative Explanation

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT allowing certain fees-in-lieu to be used to create urban tree canopy; defining certain terms; allowing certain fees-in-lieu to be used for the maintenance of existing forests in accordance with State law; and generally relating to forest conservation in Howard County.

Final Action:

Votes:

CB11-2014

Administrative Explanation

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT changing the name of the Historic District Commission to be the Historic Preservation Commission; defining certain terms; allowing for certain single-site historic districts; clarifying certain membership of the Commission; extending certain voting deadlines; clarifying the advisory role of the Commission; clarifying certain powers of the Commission and staff; clarifying certain appeal provisions; and generally relating to the Historic District Commission.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR27-2014

Administrative Explanation

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION adopting the Howard County Historic Preservation Plan.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR28-2014

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION recommending the denial of Elizabeth Mullinix's request to terminate a Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation easement on property located on the south side of Carrs Mill Road, containing approximately 142 acres, more commonly known as the "Clevenger Farm".

Final Action:

Votes:

CR29-2014

Administrative Explanation

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION declaring that a total of approximately 22.58 acres of real property owned by Howard County and identified as the Mears Property and located along Lennox Road in Jessup is no longer needed for a public purpose; authorizing the County Executive to sell the property; waiving the bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code; allowing the County to consider certain conditions when reviewing bids to purchase the property; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to convey the property if he finds that the land may have a further public use.

Final Action:

Votes:

TABLED

CR150-2011

Introduced By, Greg Fox

A RESOLUTION proposing to add a section to Article VIII. "Centralized Purchasing" of the Howard County Charter to limit the exercise of the power of eminent domain so that the power is used only for public purposes and not for private economic development, and submitting this amendment to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Article X of the Howard County Charter and Article XIA of the Maryland Constitution.

Last Action: Tabled 10/3/2011

Votes: YEAS – Council Members Fox, Sigaty, Terrasa and Watson

NAY – Council Member Ball

CR117-2013

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive A RESOLUTION declaring that a total of approximately 0.841 acres of real property owned by Howard County and identified as a portion of the right-of-way of Dorsey Run Road is no longer needed for a public purpose; authorizing the County Executive to waive the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code in order to convey the property to Coastal Sunbelt Produce; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to convey the property if he finds that the land may have a further public use and submits his finding to the County Council for its consideration.

Last Action: Tabled 10/7/2013

Votes: Unanimous

THE PROCESS

The County Council is responsible for adopting the laws of the County. The legislative process generally follows a monthly cycle:

- 1st Monday - New legislation is introduced; legislation from prior month is given final consideration
- 3rd Monday - Public hearing on legislation introduced that month
- 4th Monday - Legislative work session, if needed
- 1st Monday - New legislation is introduced; legislation from prior month is given final consideration

Council bills must be signed or vetoed by the County Executive within 10 days of the Council's presentation of passed legislation.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Unless otherwise noted, the County Council will hold its meetings in the Banneker Room of the George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD.

The next meetings are as follows:

- Monday, April 7, 2014 at 7:30pm: Legislative Session
- Wednesday, April 9, 2014 at 7pm: Capital Budget Hearing (except Education, Public Safety, and Corrections)
- Wednesday, April 16, 2014 at 8:30am: Capital Budget Work Session (DPZ and DPW only) in CVG Room

- Wednesday, April 16, 2014 at 1pm: Capital Budget Work Session – Continuation (if needed) in CVG Room
- Monday, April 21, 2014 at 7:30pm: County Executive Budget Presentation
- Monday, April 21, 2014 at 7:30pm: Legislative Session
- Wednesday, April 23, 2014 at 9:30am: Capital Budget Work Session (all except DPZ, DPW, Education, Public Safety, and Corrections) in C. Vernon Gray Room
- Wednesday, April 23, 2014 at 1pm: Work Session continuation (if needed) in C. Vernon Gray Room
- Monday, April 28, 2014 at 4:30pm: Legislative Work Session (if needed)
- Monday, April 28, 2014 at 4:30pm or later: Operating Budget and Operating and Capital Budgets (HCC, Libraries, Public Safety and Corrections (immediately following work session))
- Friday, May 3, 2014 at 8:30am: Budget Work Session (Legislative and Judicial) in C. Vernon Gray Room
- Friday, May 3, 2014 at 9pm: Budget Work Session (Education, HCC and Libraries)
- Monday, May 5, 2014 at 7pm: Constant Yield
- Monday, May 5, 2014 at 7:30pm: Legislative Session
- Wednesday, May 7, 2014 at 9am: Budget Work Session (Public Facilities, DILP, DPW, DPZ, Soil Conservation)
- Friday, May 9, 2014 at 9:30am: Budget Work Session (CSP, Rec & Parks, Citizen Services, Transportation, Health, Mental Health, Social Security, Cooperative Extension)

* Please note these dates are subject to change. To access the most up-to-date calendar of meetings, click [here](#).

Can't attend a meeting but still want to stay involved? You can stream the Council's sessions [online](#) and click on the meeting you would like to watch. The Council's sessions are also streamed in real time on this website.



Howard County State Delegation Legislation

The Howard County Delegation will hold a formal Presentation/Discussion session on Wednesday, February 26, 2014 at 9am in the Miller Senate Office Building, Miller President's Conference Center Room West I and II, 11 Bladen Street in Annapolis. The 2014 legislative session will begin on January 8, 2014. For your convenience, I have shared an update of the bills that will be introduced below. For further information, contact **Dan Furman** at the Howard County Delegation Office at **410-841-3360** or email hoc1@mlis.state.md.us

HB1090

Howard County – Alcoholic Beverages – Population Restriction on Class A Licenses Ho. Co. 1-14

Sponsored by: Howard County Delegation

Prohibiting the Board of License Commissioners of Howard County from issuing more than one Class A license of any type for every 4,000 individuals in the County, as determined by the latest federal census; and providing a specified exception.

Status: In the House – Unfavorable Report by Economic Matters

HB1093

Howard County Board of Education – Members – Salary Increase Ho. Co. 2-14

Sponsored by: Howard County Delegation

Increasing the amount of compensation of the chairman from \$14,000 to \$17,000 and other elected members from \$12,000 to \$15,000 of the Howard County Board of Education; establishing a \$5,000 scholarship for the student member of the board under specified circumstances; specifying that the student member may be reimbursed for specified expenses; providing that the Act does not apply to the salary or compensation of the chairman or other elected members of the board during a specified term of office; etc.

Status: In the House – Third Reading Passed (133-2); In the Senate - Hearing 3/28 at 1pm; Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee

HB1092

Howard County – Casino Events - Authorized Ho. Co. 03-14

Sponsored by: Howard County Delegation

Authorizing specified organizations to hold casino events that may include a card game or roulette in Howard County, as specified; requiring an organization to obtain a permit from the Howard County Department of Inspections, Licenses, and Permits before operating a casino event; requiring the county to establish the amount of the permit fee; limiting the amount of specified money prizes; requiring a permit holder to ensure that specified standards are met; etc.

Status: In the House – Recommended to Ways and Means (Delegate Luedtke)

HB466 / SB427

Creation of a State Debt – Howard County – Day Resource Center Ho. Co. 4-14

Sponsored by: Howard County Delegation

Authorizing the creation of State Debt not to exceed \$575,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Howard County for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Day Resource Center, located in Howard County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

Status: In the House – First Reading Appropriations; In the Senate – First Reading Budget and Taxation

HB449 / SB426

Creation of a State Debt – Howard County – Head Start Program Retrofitting Ho. Co. 5-14

Sponsored by: Howard County Delegation

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Howard County for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, retrofitting, and capital equipping of the Head Start Program facilities, located in Howard County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

Status: In the House – First Reading Appropriations; In the Senate – First Reading Budget and Taxation

HB455 / SB425

Creation of a State Debt – Howard County – Historic Belmont Property and Historic Garden Restoration Ho. Co. 6-14

Sponsored by: Howard County Delegation

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed

\$125,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Howard County for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Historic Belmont Property and Garden, located in Howard County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

Status: In the House – First Reading Appropriations; In the Senate – First Reading Budget and Taxation

HB470 / SB424

Creation of a State Debt – Howard County – Shaded Structures for Playgrounds Ho. Co. 7-14

Introduced by the Howard County Chairs at the request of the County Executive

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Howard County for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of shaded structures for playgrounds, located in Howard County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

Status: In the House – First Reading Appropriations; In the Senate – First Reading Budget and Taxation

HB1091

Howard County – Alcoholic Beverages – Beer Festivals Ho. Co. 09-14

Sponsored by: Howard County Delegation

Authorizing the Howard County Board of License Commissioners to issue a special beer festival license; specifying that a special beer festival license authorizes the holder to display and sell at retail beer for consumption on and off the licensed premises on specified days and hours; requiring an applicant for a special beer festival license to be the holder of a specified license; establishing a license fee of \$50 for a 1-day or 2-day festival; etc.

Status: In the House – Third Reading Passed (137-0); In the Senate – Hearing 3/25/14 at 1pm; Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

HB456 / SB643

Creation of a State Debt – Howard County – Community Action Council Food Facility

Sponsored by: Howard County Delegation

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Community Action Council of Howard County, Maryland, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation,

reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Community Action Council Food Bank Facility; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

Status: In the House – First Reading Appropriations; In the Senate – First Reading Budget and Taxation

HB471

Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2012 - Howard County - Supported Living Facility Ho. Co. 11-14

Sponsored by: Howard County Delegation

Amending the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2012 to provide that the Board of Directors of the Supported Living, Inc. have until June 1, 2016, to provide a matching fund for a grant for the Supported Living Facility, located in Howard County; etc.

Status: In the House: Hearing 2/25 at 1pm; Committee: Appropriations

HB1411

Howard County - Appointed Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board - Compensation Ho. Co. 12-14

Sponsored by: Howard County Delegation

Providing that the compensation for the Howard County Appointed Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board shall be the amount set by the Howard County Council.

Status: In the House – Re-referred to Economic Matters

HB1084

Howard County - Practice of Massage - Regulation Ho. Co. 13-14

Sponsored by: Howard County Delegation

Authorizing the governing body of Howard County to adopt ordinances or regulations relating to massage establishments and the practices of specified individuals; etc.

Status: In the House – Hearing 3/5 at 1pm; Committee: Health and Government Operations

Maryland State General Assembly Legislation



HB 453

Housing and Community Development - Multifamily Rental Housing Programs Efficiency Act

Introduced by: Chair, Environmental Matters Committee

Repealing specified provisions of law governing the Elderly Rental Housing Program, the Nonprofit Rehabilitation Program, and the Rental Housing Production Program and establishing a new Rental Housing Program in the Department of Housing and Community Development; consolidating loan programs within the Department into a single program; providing for types of financing and repayment terms; establishing uses for loan proceeds; clarifying standards for multifamily loans; etc.

Status: In the House – Third Reading Passed (129-6); In the Senate - Hearing 3/25 at 1:00 p.m.

HB 553

Housing - Energy-Efficient Homes Construction Loan Program

Introduced by: Chair, Environmental Matters Committee

Establishing the Energy-Efficient Homes Construction Loan Program; establishing the purpose of the Program; requiring and authorizing the Department of Housing and Community Development to perform specified duties; establishing the Energy-Efficient Homes Construction Fund as a special, non-lapsing fund; requiring the Department to adopt specified regulations; etc.

Status: In the House – Third Reading Passed (108-26); In the Senate – Hearing 4/1 at 1pm

HB 621/SB 700

Registration of Pesticides - Fee Increase - Disposition of Fees

Introduced by: Delegate Lafferty/Senator Manno

Increasing specified pesticide registration fees from \$100 to \$110; and providing that at least \$10 of each annual registration fee and each terminal registration fee collected under § 5-103 of the Agriculture Article may be used only for activities of the Department of Agriculture relating to the collection, analysis, and reporting of data on pesticide use in the State; specifying that money expended from the State Chemist Fund for a specified purpose is supplemental to other specified funding; etc.

Status: In the House – Third Reading Passed (99-36); In the Senate – First Reading Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

HB 628/SB 238

Board of Public Works - Relocatable Classrooms - Indoor Air Quality Requirements

Introduced by: Delegate Robinson, Senator King

Requiring the Board of Public Works, in consultation with specified departments, to adopt regulations that include specifications relating to indoor air quality for the occupants of relocatable classrooms constructed after July 1, 2014, that are purchased or leased using State funds.

Status: In the House – Third Reading Passed (132-0); In the Senate – Third Reading Passed (46-0)

HB 664

Rental Units, Condominiums, and Homeowners Associations - Smoking Restrictions

Introduced by: Delegate Kramer

Allowing written leases for residential real property to include specified restrictions or prohibitions on smoking tobacco products in specified areas; allowing the bylaws or regulations of a condominium to contain specified restrictions or prohibitions on smoking tobacco products in specified areas; and authorizing a homeowners association to include in its declaration, bylaws, rules, or recorded covenants and restrictions specified restrictions or prohibitions on smoking tobacco products in multi-unit dwellings or in the common areas.

Status: In the House – Unfavorable Report by Environmental Matters

Sign-up sheets will be available outside of the Banneker room at 7:00pm on the evening of the hearing. Oral testimony will be limited to three minutes.

For further information, contact Dan Furman at the Howard County Delegation office at 410-841-3360 or **hoc1@mlis.state.md.us**.

I encourage our residents to stay tuned in if these topics are of interest to you. As always, I hope you have found this information insightful, and I encourage you to share this newsletter with your neighbors.

All the best,



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"Everybody can be great...because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love." ~ Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.